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SUBJECT: ALLEGED CONSPIRACY AGAINST GUINEAN GOVERNMENT

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1. SENEGAL HAS REACTED WITH NOTABLE RESTRAINT TO GUINEAN ALLEGATIONS OF SENEGALESE COMPLICITY IN ALLEGED CONSPIRACY AGAINST SEKOU TOURE. GOS ATTITUDE HAS SO FAR BEEN ONE OF "SCORNFUL SILENCE", AS GOVERNMENT OWNED LE SOLEIL REMARKED ON JUL Y 14. WHEN QUESTIONED ON GUINEAN CHARGES AT JULY 21 PRESS CONFERENCE, MINISTER OF INFORMATION DA OUDA SOW REPLIED THAT SENEGAL WAS ACCUSTOMED TO THESE "ALWAYS ERRONEOUS ALLEGATIONS." AFRICA MUST GO BEYOND SUCH PROBLEMS, HE SAID, AND GOS DID NOT FEEL GUINEAN ACCUSATIONS MERITED RESPONSE.

2. RECENT COMMENTARY IN LE SOLEIL SAID THAT TOURE "HAD REDUCED THE MAJORITY OF HIS PEOPLE TO THE RELENTLESS
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ALTERNATIVES OF ESCAPE OR DEPRIVATION. BUT RATHER THAN

REGAINING HIS BALANCE BY GAINING A 'RE- READING OF MARX' PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE HAS CHOSEN THE EASY ROUTE OF GRATUITOUS ACCUSATIONS AND VERBAL EXCESSES." WHAT IS CERTAIN, NEWSPAPER CONCLUDED, IS THAT PRESIDENTS SENGHOR AND HOUPOUET BOIGNY ARE " SUFFICIENTLY ATTACHED TO MANKIND AND ITS VALUES (NOT TO) SURRENDER HUMAN LIVES TO TORTURE, HUMILIATION AND DEATH."

3. PRIVATELY, SENEGALESE OFFICIALS DISMISS TOURES CHARGES AS BASELESS FABRICATIONS. THEY FIND PARTICULARLY LAUGHABLE NOTION THAT NIOKOLO Koba GAME PARK HAS BEEN TRANSFORMED INTO MILITARY INSTALLATION. THEY SUGGEST THAT AMONG THOUSANDS OF GUINEAN REFUGEES IN SENEGAL, THERE WILL ALWAYS BE THOSE PREPARED TO CONCOCT FALSE INTELLIGENCE CATERING TO DEKOU TOURES SUSPICIONS AND HIS NEED FOR EXTERNAL ENEMIES. OFFICIALS ALSO POINT OUT THAT, AS OFFICIAL JOURNAL ATTESTS, SENEGAL DOES REGULARLY EXPEL GUINEAN NATIONALS APPREHENDED FOR ENGAGING IN QUESTIONABLE ACTIVITIES.
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